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CLAIMS

Cancel claim 30.

Rewrite claims 6, 7, 12-14, 16, 18, 22-29 and 34-38 as follows:

6. Device as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the acceptor is a balloon (20).

7. Device as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] wherein the medical device is a catheter (10).

12. Device as claimed in claim 9 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the acceptor (20) is made of elastomer.

13. Device as claimed in claim 9 [any one of the preceding claims] and made of latex rubber.

14. Device as claimed in claim 9 [any one of the preceding claims] wherein the fluid is a liquid, and the fluid supply element (21) contains said fluid.

16. Device as claimed in claim 1, [any one of the claims 1 to 8, 11, or any one of claims 12 to 15 as dependent on claim 11,] wherein the diameter of the annular part of the plug is at least three times that of the stem.

18. Device as claimed in claim either one of claims 16 or 17, wherein said stem (27) extends proximal of the annular port [part], coaxially therewith and has an outside diameter substantially less than that of said annular [part] port (26).

22. Device as claimed in claim 16 [any one of claims 16 to 21], wherein the axial length of the annular [part] port of the plug is greater than its largest diameter.

23. Device as claimed in either one of claims 1 or 16 [any one of the preceding claims,] wherein the length of the cylindrical portion is smaller than its radius.

24. Device as claimed in either [any] one of claims 1 or 16, [the preceding claims,] in which the tapering portion comprises a frusto-conical or substantially frusto-conical portion which has a small end which is larger than the small end of the tapering portion.

25. Device as claimed in either [any] one of claims 1 or 16 [the preceding claims], in which the tapering portion comprises a frusto-conical of substantially frusto-conical portion which has a small end which constitutes the small end of the tapering portion.

26. Device as claimed in claim 24 [claim 25, as dependent on claim 24] wherein the tapering portion comprises first and second frusto-conical or substantially frusto-conical portions, of different cone angle, such that the diameter of the tapering portion varies along the axis at a greater rate near the small end of the tapering portion than at the large end of the tapering portion.

27. Device as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] in which the stem is cylindrical.

28. Device as claimed in claim 1 [any of the preceding claims] wherein the fluid supply element (21) has an open proximal end (22) closed by a filler valve (24).

29. Device as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims,] and which is a urinary drainage catheter.

34. Apparatus as claimed in claim 9[, or any one of claims 10 to 30 as dependent on claim 9,] wherein the sleeve is of shrink-wrap material.

35. Apparatus as claim in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 8] wherein the elastomeric bulb is sleeved in shrink-wrap material.

36. Apparatus as claimed in either one of claims 34 or 35 wherein the permeability of the sleeve material to diffusion of water therethrough is less than that of latex rubber.

37. Apparatus as claimed in either one of claims 34 or 35 wherein the shrink-wrap material is polystyrene.

38. Apparatus as claimed in either [any] one of claims 34 or 35 [to 37] wherein the shrink-wrap sleeve incorporates a tear strip.